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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY SECONDMENT OF MEMBER COUNTRY OFFICIALS TO ADB

FOR NAC AGENCIES

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1. IN MEETING ON JANUARY 22, ADB BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED BANK MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL TO ACCEPT SECONDMENT OF MEMBER COUNTRY OFFICIALS TO STAFF POSITIONS WITH THE BANK AS INDICATED IN ADB DOCUMENT R137-75.

2. U.S. DIRECTOR, IN SUPPORTING PROPOSAL, MADE COMMENTS ALONG LINES REFTEL B. HE REITERATED U.S. UNDERSTANDING THAT MEMBER GOVERNMENTS SECONDING ITS OFFICIAL PAY ALL EXPENSES -- SALARY, ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS EXCEPT BANK RELATED TRAVEL AS DESCRIBED IN BANK DOCUMENT. U.S. DIRECTOR PROPOSED THAT BANK AVOID CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY PROHIBITING SECONDED OFFICIAL FROM WORKING ON BANK PROJECTS IN HIS HOME COUNTRY AND TO MAXIMIZE SECONDMENT

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BENEFITS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS BY REQUIRING SECONDED

OFFICIAL TO RETURN TO HIS HOME COUNTRY AND BE PROHIBITED FROM BANK EMPLOYMENT FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE TERMINATION OF THE SECONDMENT. PHILIPPINE DIRECTOR AGREED THAT SECONDED OFFICIAL QUOTE SHOULD PAY THEIR WAY UNQUOTE BY AGREEING TO SERVE HOME GOVERNMENT, SAY, 2 YEARS AFTER A SECONDMENT OF 6 MONTHS OR MORE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE SECONDED OFFICIAL SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN AN OPERATIONAL EXECUTIVE CAPACITY NOT BASICALLY AS A PARTICIPANT IN A TRAINING PROGRAM. THE KOREAN DIRECTOR AGREED THAT THE BENEFITS TO THE SECONDED MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WOULD BEGIN AFTER THE RETURN OF THE OFFICIAL. DIRECTORS ALSO APPEARED TO AGREE THAT SECONDED OFFICIALS SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN PREPARING BANK PROJECTS LOCATED IN HIS HOME COUNTRY.

3. UK DIRECTOR ASKED WHAT ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE INCLUDED BESIDES MEMBER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. ADB VICE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THAT DEVELOPMENT BANKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTES SUCH AS ONE IN BANGLADESH SHOULD BE INCLUDED. AUSTRALIAN DIRECTOR ASKED IF CENTRAL BANKS MIGHT BE INCLUDED SINCE SOME GOVERNORS OF THE BANK ARE GOVERNORS OF CENTRAL BANKS.

4. CANADIAN DIRECTOR URGED BANK MANAGEMENT TO GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO OFFICIALS FROM MEMBER GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE NOT DIRECTLY REPRESENTED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND/OR ON THE BANK STAFF. TO ENCOURAGE THE BANK TO CONSIDER THIS PRIORITY, THE CANADIAN DIRECTOR SUGGESTED THAT THE BANK COULD USE PAID-IN NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES. INDONESIAN DIRECTOR NOTED THAT SINCE EXPENSES OF THE SECONDED OFFICIAL WOULD PRIMARILY BE IN CONVERTABLE CURRENCIES, HE SUGGESTED THAT THE BANK CONSIDER PAYING TRAVEL COSTS OF AND A SUITABLE STIPEND TO THE SECONDED OFFICIAL FROM SUCH COUNTRIES. THE INDIAN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR SUGGESTED THAT THE DEVELOPING MEMBER GOVERNMENT COULD REQUEST ITS BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL DONORS TO FINANCE THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF THE OFFICIAL. ADB PRESIDENT PREFERRED TO BEGIN SECONDMENTS AS PROPOSED WHERE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS PAY EXPENSES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THEIR OWN OFFICIALS AND TO BE PERMITTED FLEXIBILITY IN IMPLEMENTING A NEW PROGRAM. STULL

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